



# NCGS NEWS

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## **NCGS 2019 Fall Conference**

**A two-day event**

**Friday and Saturday, 1-2 November 2019**

at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center  
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC

### **Keynote Speaker: Roberta Estes**

Roberta Estes is a founding pioneer in the field of genetic genealogy. She is also the author of one of the most popular blogs on that subject: [www.DNA-eXplained.com](http://www.DNA-eXplained.com).

Roberta has been an obsessed genealogist since 1978. Many of Roberta's ancestors seem to have either disappeared into or appeared during the confusing Revolutionary War era on the new Western Frontier that would one day become Eastern Tennessee. Records are scarce to nonexistent, leaving DNA testing as the only viable avenue to recover one's heritage. Her "colorful" family history has allowed Roberta to participate in every aspect of DNA testing for genealogy, revealing unexpected surprises.



Roberta was one of the early DNA surname administrators at FamilyTreeDNA. She manages over 20 surname projects and is the founder of the Lost Colony DNA research projects. She speaks and writes widely about DNA and genealogy, including the Native Heritage Project

at [www.nativeheritageproject.com](http://www.nativeheritageproject.com).

Roberta speaks on genetic genealogy at national or international conferences. We are delighted that she will be joining us in the Old North State for both days of the NCGS 2019 Fall Conference. Please mark your calendars for the event!

Watch for more details about the 2019 NCGS Fall Conference in the July 2019 NCGS News and on the [NCGS website](#).

### **NCGS Virtual Conference Highlights**

The first NCGS Virtual Conference was presented live online on Friday and Saturday, 22 and 23 March 2019. Approximately 150 people registered for the event, with attendees coming from twenty-six states coast-to-coast across the United States, as well as from Canada. The conference replay continues through June, since all registered attendees can view the recorded lectures for a 90-day period after the live presentations.

Debbie Parker Wayne started each day with a keynote on some of the latest tools and techniques for using DNA to solve genealogical problems. Jeffrey Haines followed her with a presentation on research strategies for working in counties with lost records. Pamela Stone Eagleson then provided a lecture on writing your family narrative and putting your ancestors in their historical context. Craig Scott concluded with detailed information on how to research a War of 1812 ancestor.

*"Debbie [Parker Wayne] . . . 'Man, oh man, does she know her stuff!'"*

*"The content and speakers were so helpful ... I learned lots!"*

*". . . lectures were excellent."*

On Saturday, following Debbie Parker Wayne's second DNA keynote, David McCorkle lectured on North Carolina land records. Then Ari Wilkins presented information on the Great Migration of African Americans to northern industrial cities and the historical background for that event. Diane Richard ended the day with a lecture on idiosyncrasies critical to know when researching in North Carolina.

*"The speakers gave us a lot of resource ideas."*

*". . . inspiring!"*

Those who attended the live event received a discount in the NCGS bookstore during those days. Door prizes were also given during the live presentations and included two copies each of the books *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, by Debbie Parker Wayne and Blaine Bettinger, and *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*, edited by Helen F. M. Leary.

Thank you to everyone who registered for joining us on our maiden voyage into the Virtual Conference world.

## Upcoming Live Webinar

**1 May 2019** at 7:00 p.m. EDT

"Timelines in Genealogy: A Valuable Tool & Definitely Worth the Time"  
presented by Diane L. Richard

Hit a brick wall? Wondering why your ancestors did what they did? Need to separate out several same-named contemporaries? Learn about timelines and how they might help you solve your puzzles. These are not the timelines you learned to make in school. This visual representation presents complex information in an easy-to-read format. Timelines are dynamic tools you will never regret making. They are as unique as each project you undertake.



[More information](#) about the webinar can be found on the NCGS website. [Download the webinar flyer](#) to have as a handy reminder or to share with other NCGS members. [NCGS members may register](#) for the live webinar any time prior to 1 May.

**Live webinars**, post-webinar Q&A sessions, and handouts are free for members. [Join NCGS](#) today to participate in **live webinars**.

## Upcoming Webinar Free Replay Weekend



**7-9 June 2019**

"Finding Black Roots in a White World"  
presented by J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA

Learn how to find African American family members in the pre-1870 United States. Utilize tools and techniques that will help you identify and find resources to lead you to a family.

[Please register for this free webinar replay](#) so that we may email the direct link to you. For more information about this webinar replay, [download the webinar flyer](#). Replay weekends are free and available to everyone. The webinar handout is available only to NCGS members who are logged into the website.

NCGS member benefits include participation in live webinars and access to all previously recorded webinars, members-only discounts on registration fees for all NCGS-sponsored workshops and conferences, and discounts in the NCGS store.

[Click Here to Join NCGS](#)

## Musings of an NCGS Volunteer

contributed by Monique Bunch, NCGS volunteer



I have to laugh as I think back on how I began volunteering with NCGS. I was *discovered* at the NCGS Summer Workshop in 2016. I raised my hand and displayed enthusiasm over grasping a technique. Uh-oh! I had done it! I was noticed and asked if I would consider becoming an NCGS volunteer. I remember something along the lines of the ever-famous words: "we could use someone like you." I wasn't sure exactly what I could offer as I was so new to NCGS, but here it is 2019 and I am writing to you.

How does one leap from simply being a member to also being a volunteer? Accepting the invitation and continuing to volunteer is rooted in why I became a member. I believed that I would make connections and learn valuable skills to further my genealogy research. NCGS offered what I didn't know that I needed to know. I believed that being amongst persons of different generations would help me to focus my research and sharpen my skills. Additionally, I had a desire to be with anyone who was more experienced and with whom I could share a kindred passion.

As an NCGS volunteer, I benefit doubly. I have gained a network of diverse persons whose talents have enabled me to further my research. They are also mentors who have added their experience to my personal growth. I volunteer by contributing my unique talents (excitement), skills (helping others), and ideas (mine or others) to the what and how of our offerings. I am proactive with firsthand feedback from attendees. Whether behind the scenes, visible or visibly inconspicuous, contributing minutes, a few days, or longer stretches of time, I am part of the backbone and lifeblood of our society.

I invite you to [join me as an NCGS volunteer](#).



by Diane L. Richard  
NCGS Journal Editor

### NCGS Journal Supplements

We hope you enjoyed and found value in the January-February-March 2019 edition of the *NCGS Journal*, which was subtitled "Celebrating Late 19th and Early 20th Century Women." There was more material created for this edition of the *Journal* than could be accommodated in the physical print version (and identical digital version). This material can be found on the website under Publications > *NCGS Journal* > *NCGS Journal* Supplements. Members who are logged into the website will find four supplementary documents that continue from the published articles.

We are currently working on the April-May-June 2019 edition, which focuses on epidemics, physicians, nurses, and more as related to understanding eighteenth through twentieth century health and health care. Supplementary material will also be created for this issue and will be available as described above.

### **Ginger Mann (1943-2019)**

I am saddened to report the death of Ginger Mann. Last fall Ginger received an award from NCGS for her invaluable contributions to the *Journal*. She was a volunteer extraordinaire in that if I asked her to work on something, even if she didn't like that type of document or record, she would always do it. The first couple of years of the *Journal* owe their timeliness and success to her efforts. I will miss working with Ginger. She had an infectious humor and loved doing what she could to help other genealogists. You can read her obituary here: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldsun/obituary.aspx?pid=191442942>.

### **Planned Special Edition (October-November-December 2019) on Tolls, Toll Roads, and Related Topics**

The 2019 fall edition of the *Journal* will focus on tolls. This has proven to be a particularly tricky subject with regards to finding documentation. We know from the records of the General Assembly that there were toll roads, plank roads, toll bridges, toll ferries, and much more. Yet, only a few records of these companies and the tolls they collected have been identified. Wouldn't it be neat to learn how your ancestor got from point A to point B and whether tolls were involved? With some perseverance, we have identified, located, and abstracted a few records documenting some tolls collected in North Carolina.



Stories about North Carolinians who operated toll roads, ferries, etc., are welcome. Or, if you have seventeenth- through nineteenth-century ancestors who regularly paid tolls as they traveled, tell us their tale. All submissions will be considered.



As always, if you have materials relevant to this planned issue or are interested in helping transcribe materials collected in anticipation of this special issue, please email Diane at [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org).

Thanks again to all who have helped and to those who will volunteer in the future. It does take a village to create a journal.

As always, I can be reached at [journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:journaleditor@ncgenealogy.org) to answer your questions, and to receive your submissions and suggestions.

Go Journal Team!

[Read the current and past issues of "Journal Jottings" online](#)

[Download a printer-friendly version of this issue of "Journal Jottings"](#)

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## **Finding Enslaved Ancestors in Private Manuscript Collections**

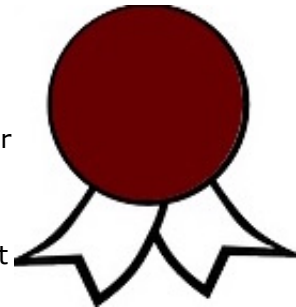
[The Rumley Family Papers: A New Collection Featuring Resources for Researchers Seeking Enslaved Ancestors](#) is a recent post on the North Carolina State Archives blog, *History For All the People*. Written by Elizabeth Crowder, a contract archivist with the archives, the article shows how private manuscript collections, in this case the Rumley Family Papers, can provide source material about enslaved ancestors.

Elizabeth's position at the archives is supported by funds bequeathed to NCGS by Frances Holloway Wynne in 2010. Frances was a North Carolina genealogist and former NCGS board member. Her directed bequest has made it possible for us to partner with the North Carolina State Archives to provide internship opportunities for the purpose of cataloging and preparing materials previously unavailable for use by researchers.

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## **NCGS Awards for 2019**

Do you know a deserving individual or society that has contributed to North Carolina genealogy by publishing an outstanding resource, creating a website, or producing a newsletter or journal? We need your nominations. The North Carolina Genealogical Society Awards aim to recognize outstanding contributions in a number of categories, but we rely on members like you to get the word out and help us find the best of the best.



The nomination period is open from January to 15 August 2019. A [Nomination Form](#), [Criteria for Judging](#), and more information can be found online at the NCGS website at Publications > [Awards](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Awards Chair, Jennifer Daugherty, at [awards@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:awards@ncgenealogy.org).

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## **Website Content Editor Position Available**

Use your passion for genealogy, excellent writing skills, and WordPress experience to help expand the content on the North Carolina Genealogical Society website. Work with our team

of volunteers, board members, and staff to plan, create, edit, and publish content relevant to North Carolina genealogy. This job will be done from home, so you must be able to work independently managing multiple projects, educating yourself on new tools and resources, and meeting deadlines. Familiarity with SEO concepts, copyright laws, and website statistical tools is a plus. The pay range for this contract position is \$350-500 per month depending on experience and skills.

Contact Laurel Sanders at [president@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:president@ncgenealogy.org) to find out more about the [Web Content Editor position](#) and to apply. **The deadline for applications is 15 May 2019.** We look forward to hearing from you!



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## Archives Advocacy

**contributed by Brenda J. Williams, RPAC Liaison**

Would you like to show your support for archives in North Carolina? The month of May is the time to make that happen! The President's budget will be discussed, so now is the time to let our Congressional Reps know how important funding is for the archives and how archives serve the citizens of North Carolina. Interested? Check out the recording of the April 18th webinar, "Archival Advocacy at Home," on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbWZ5auZgvA>. Also, check out the Society of American Archivists' Advocacy Guide: <https://www2.archivists.org/advocacy/advocacy-guide>.

As genealogists we all know how important archives are to us in helping to re-create our family stories. Let's all get involved and let those who have the power to affect access to those records know just how important the records are to our communities.

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## Volunteer Opportunities with NCGS

**Book Review Editor:** Are you a book lover? Do you have five to seven hours per week to spend on writing book reviews? If so, we want to hear from you. A book review includes reading through received books that contain information for North Carolina genealogy and writing an objective review of the publication. Reviews are about 350-400 words and follow the guidelines as presented in the *Professional Genealogist*. If you are seriously interested or have any questions, please contact the current Book Review Editor, Dr. Sandi Shaw, at [bookrevieweditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:bookrevieweditor@ncgenealogy.org). Please note: we will ask for a review sample as part of the selection process.



**Booth Manager:** Friendly outgoing person needed to manage our North Carolina



Genealogical Society booth and coordinate booth volunteer sign-ups at events. Help us spread the word about the benefits of being a member of our society. The booth will showcase our books, such as *North Carolina Research*, and our other resources, such as webinars and the *NCGS Journal*. The Booth Manager should be available for the NCGS Fall Conferences, 1-2 November 2019 and 6-7 November 2020, and one or two additional events not yet scheduled for next year. For more information or to volunteer for this position, please contact Kathy Ruse, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org).

The **Publicity Committee** is looking for volunteers who want to help with publicity and marketing for NCGS, from creating a marketing plan to helping with social media. If you are interested, please contact Susan Smith, Publicity Committee Chair, at [publicity@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@ncgenealogy.org).

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## **Accessions at the NC State Archives**

The North Carolina State Archives provides a bimonthly list of genealogy-related accessions that may be of interest to researchers.

- [May 2019 Accessions List](#) - two pages of recent accessions covering three counties as well as private collections and audiovisual materials.
- [Library of Prior Accession Lists](#)

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## **Links of Interest**

[Engaging with Archives Using "Wayne's Famous Pooter Dip"](#) is a fun blog post about vintage food, a juried art show based on historical recipes, and a popular dip. From the State Archives of North Carolina blog, *History For All the People*.

From DigitalNC a blog post about [19th Century Business Ledgers and Scrapbooks from the Cumberland County Public Library now online at Digital NC](#). The three ledgers, dated from the 1800s, are helpful in learning about the daily lives of North Carolinians during the nineteenth century.

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## **Consider a Bequest to NCGS**

A bequest is one of the easiest and most meaningful ways to make a gift to North Carolina Genealogical Society. Gifts of any size made through a bequest help ensure that NCGS receives valuable support that will benefit genealogists and historical researchers far into the future. Donors can make a bequest by simply including a provision for NCGS in their wills or trusts. Donors can choose to give a specific dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of their estates. Your bequest is a gift not just to the Society but to all genealogists, historical researchers and to your own posterity. For more information about bequests,

contact our Treasurer at [treasurer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:treasurer@ncgenealogy.org).

[More information about making donations to the society](#) can be found on the website.



## Tools of the Trade Library

The [Tools of the Trade Library](#) is home to over twenty county-specific and record-specific articles to help North Carolina researchers.

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### President's Message

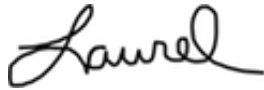
Our society celebrates it's **45th anniversary** this year! Founded in 1974, NCGS continues to educate North Carolina genealogical researchers, to promote high standards for genealogical research, to acquaint researchers with sources of information, and to advocate for records collection, preservation, and utilization. The introduction of DNA testing for genealogy, increasing digitization and online records access, and world-wide access to family tree data challenges us to adapt to this quickly changing landscape.



We continually look for new ways to fulfill our mission and goals. Our first **Virtual Conference** was held in March. Did you attend? Eight lectures were presented via live webinar over the course of two days, which brought knowledgeable speakers lecturing on a variety of topics to people who cannot attend our workshops and conferences in person. This concept proved to be very successful in filling this need. Our Virtual Conference Committee, Program Committee, additional volunteers, and staff worked very hard to make this conference happen. They did a fantastic job! Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who worked on this event and to everyone who attended!

As we continue to move our society forward to meet new challenges and to provide new educational opportunities and resources, we need **volunteers** who share a passion for genealogy and a willingness to give back to the genealogical community in a variety of ways. Do you use social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? Consider volunteering for our Publicity Committee. Can you help us grow our membership by representing our society at events, such as our Fall Conference? Volunteer to help in our NCGS booth. Are you interested in helping out with our educational events? Our Program and Webinar Committees could use your help. There are many ways to be involved in helping our society grow. Contact our Volunteer Chair, Kathy Ruse, [volunteer@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:volunteer@ncgenealogy.org), to learn more.

Warm regards,



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## Thank You

NCGS thanks the following individuals for their **donations** to the Society: M. Camille Alexander, L. Bruce Allen, William Cox, Lynn Farr, Judith McGriff, Melissa Mitchell, Vivian Newkirk, Rebel Romero, Claudia Sulloway, Delinda Trowbridge, Lisa Quigley Veitch, Judy Willott. Donations to the Society are used to support its [Mission](#). More information about ways to give to NCGS is [available on the website](#).

NCGS thanks Janell Blue for her **patron support**.

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## In Memoriam

**Margaret Hoffman**, an iconic figure of North Carolina genealogy, died on 21 November 2018. She will forever be remembered for the abstracts she published on the Granville Land Grants, North Carolina State Patent Books, and deeds of Eastern North Carolina. Margaret wrote the chapter on North Carolina land grants in the NCGS book, *North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History*. She has lectured at NCGS workshops and was a long-time vendor at NCGS events. NCGS is thankful for her work. You will find Margaret's obituary at <https://www.rrspin.com/obituaries/askew-funeral-service/440-margaret-murphy-hofmann.html>.

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## NCGS Tidbits

NCGS welcomed 78 new members since the last issue of the *NCGS News*. Ready to join NCGS? [Membership information](#) is available on the website.

NCGS is governed by a Board of Directors. View our [current board and committee chairs](#).

Volunteer opportunities abound within NCGS. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.

The deadline for the July issue of the *NCGS News* is Saturday, 15 June 2019. Please submit articles, comments, and suggestions to Phyllis Matthews Ziller, MLIS, editor, [ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org](mailto:ncgsnewseditor@ncgenealogy.org).

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